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A MEMORIAL APPRECIATION OF CHARLES VALENTINE RILEY.\*

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THE name of Charles Valentine Riley is known in every part of the world where there are naturalists or intelligent agriculturists. His contributions to biological science and to agricultural economy were extensive and important, and were very highly esteemed abroad as well as at home.

At the time of his death he was fifty-two years old. Those who have known him only in recent days cannot have a full appreciation of many of his most characteristic and attractive traits. During the last ten years, worn out by intense devotion to his work, his energies exhausted by incessant application, his nervous vitality depleted by the friction of a long and arduous official career, though still remarkable for his force and productiveness, he was by no means the same as in the fourth decade of his life.

When, in 1894, he resigned his position as chief of the Bureau of Entomology, it was the belief and hope of his friends that, relieved from the official burden which had become so irksome to him, he would be able to devote the remainder of his life entirely to scientific pursuits. With his vast learning, his experience as an investigator, and the opportunities for leisurely study

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